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Applicant : Michael G. Hayek  
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ENHANCING IMMUNE RESPONSE IN ANIMALS  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 1999.  
Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and  
remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 9-11 as follows:

*A1 sub B1*  
1. (Amended) A process for enhancing immune response and improving the overall health of a  
companion animal comprising the step of feeding said animal a diet containing [an effective  
amount] from about 1 to about 50 mg/ day of lutein for a time sufficient for said lutein to be  
absorbed by said animal.

*A2 sub B2*  
9. (Amended) A process for increasing the lutein concentration in the circulating blood of a  
companion animal comprising the step of feeding said animal a diet containing [an effective  
amount] from about 1 to about 50 mg/day of lutein for a time sufficient for said lutein to be  
absorbed into the bloodstream of said animal.